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	A2	1,342,741	06/1920	Day			
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	A4	1,666,488	02/1927	Crawshaw			
	A5	1,913,395	11/1929	Karrick			
	A6	2,423,674	07/1947	Agren			
	A7	2,444,755	07/1948	Steffen			
	A8	2,466,945	02/1946	Greene			
	A9	2,472,445	06/1949	Sprong			
	A10	2,484,063	10/1949	Ackley			
	A11	2,497,868	02/1950	Dalin			
	A12	2,548,360	04/1951	Germain			
	A13	2,593,477	04/1952	Newman et al.			
	A14	2,595,979	05/1952	Pevere et al.			
	A15	2,630,306	01/1952	Evans			
	A16	2,634,961	04/1953	Ljungstrom			
	A17	2,642,943	06/1953	Smith et al.			
	A18	2,670,802	03/1954	Ackley			
	A19	2,695,163	11/1954	Pearce et al.			
	A20	2,732,195	01-24-56	Ljungstrom			
	A21	2,734,579	02-14-56	Elkins			
	A22	2,780,449	02-05-57	Fisher et al.			
	A23	2,777,679	01/1957	Ljungstrom			
	A24	2,780,450	02/1957	Ljungstrom			
	A25	2,786,660	03/1957	Alleman			
	A26	2,789,805	04/1957	Ljungstrom			
	A27	2,804,149	08/1957	Kile			
	A28	2,841,375	07/1958	Salomonsson			
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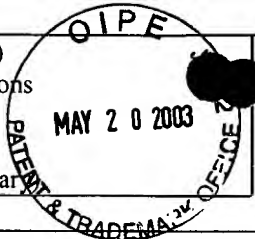
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	A32	2,923,535	02/1960	Ljungstrom			
	A33	2,939,689	06/1960	Ljungstrom			
	A34	2,954,826	10/1960	Sievers			
	A35	2,974,937	03/1961	Kiel			
	A36	2,994,376	08/1961	Crawford et al.			
	A37	2,998,457	08/1961	Paulsen			
	A38	3,004,603	10/1961	Rogers et al.			
	A39	3,007,521	11/1961	Trantham et al.			
	A40	3,095,031	06/1963	Eurenus et al.			
	A41	3,105,545	10/1963	Prats et al.			
	A42	3,106,244	10/1963	Parker			
	A43	3,110,345	11/1963	Reed et al.			
	A44	3,113,623	12/1963	Krueger			
	A45	3,114,417	12/1963	McCarthy			
	A46	3,131,763	05/1964	Kunetka et al.			
	A47	3,139,928	07/1964	Broussard			
	A48	3,142,336	07/1964	Doscher			
	A49	3,149,672	10/1964	Orkiszewski et al.			
	A50	3,163,745	12/1964	Boston			
	A51	3,164,207	01/1965	Thessen et al.			
	A52	3,182,721	05/1965	Hardy			
	A53	3,183,675	05/1965	Schroeder			
	A54	3,191,679	06/1965	Miller			
	A55	3,205,946	10/1965	Prats et al.			
	A56	3,207,220	10/1965	Williams			
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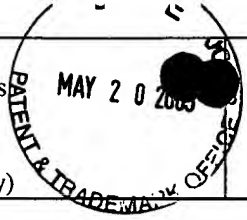
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	A63	3,284,281	11/1966	Thomas			
	A64	3,338,306	08/1967	Cook			
	A65	3,528,501	09/1970	Parker			
	A66	3,595,082	07/1971	Miller et al.			
	A67	3,973,628	08/1976	Colgate			
	A68	3,992,148	11/1975	Child			
	A69	3,993,132	11/1977	Garrett			
	A70	4,016,239	04/1977	Fenton			
	A71	4,076,761	02/1978	Chang et al.			
	A72	4,089,372	05/1978	Terry			
	A73	4,093,026	06/1978	Ridley			
	A74	4,096,163	06/1978	Chang, et al.			
	A75	4,130,575	12/1978	Jorn et al.			
	A76	4,133,825	01/1979	Stroud et al.			
	A77	4,138,442	02/1979	Chang et al.			
	A78	4,186,801	02/1980	Madgavkar et al.			
	A79	4,250,230	02/1981	Terry			
	A80	4,250,962	02/1981	Madgavkar et al.			
	A81	4,273,188	06/1981	Vogel et al.			
	A82	4,274,487	06/1981	Hollingsworth et al.			
	A83	4,299,086	11/1981	Madgavkar et al.			
	A84	4,299,285	11/1981	Tsai et al.			
	A85	4,359,687	11/1982	Vinegar et al.			
	A86	4,363,361	12/1982	Madgavkar et al.			
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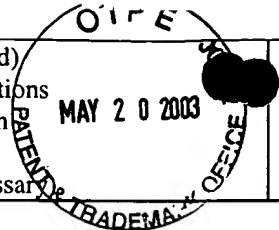
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	A90	4,398,151	08/1983	Vinegar et al.			
	A91	4,407,973	10/1983	van Dijk et al.			
	A92	4,409,090	10/1983	Hanson et al.			
	A93	4,444,258	04/1984	Kalmar			
	A94	4,501,445	02/1985	Gregoli			
	A95	4,530,401	07/1985	Hartman et al.			
	A96	4,540,882	10/1985	Vinegar et al.			
	A97	4,542,648	10/1985	Vinegar et al.			
	A98	4,570,715	02/1986	Van Meurs et al.			
	A99	4,571,491	02/1986	Vinegar et al.			
	A100	4,572,299	02/1986	Vanegmond et al.			
	A101	4,583,046	04/1986	Vinegar et al.			
	A102	4,583,242	04/1986	Vinegar et al.			
	A103	4,594,468	06/1986	Minderhoud			
	A104	4,597,441	07/1986	Ware et al.			
	A105	4,605,680	08/1986	Beuther et al.			
	A106	4,613,754	09/1986	Vinegar et al.			
	A107	4,616,705	10/1986	Stegemeier et al.			
	A108	4,635,197	01/1987	Vinegar et al.			
	A109	4,640,352	02/1987	Vanmeurs et al.			
	A110	4,644,283	02/1987	Vinegar et al.			
	A111	4,658,215	04/1987	Vinegar et al.			
	A112	4,663,711	05/1987	Vinegar et al.			
	A113	4,671,102	06/1987	Vinegar et al.			
	A114	4,716,960	01/1988	Eastlund et al.			
	A115	4,719,423	01/1988	Vinegar et al.			
	A116	4,728,892	03/1988	Vinegar et al.			
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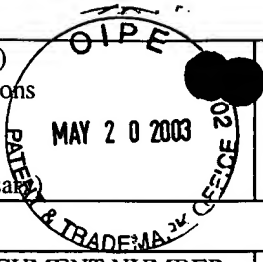
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	A120	4,769,602	09/1988	Vinegar et al.			
	A121	4,769,606	09/1988	Vinegar et al.			
	A122	4,793,656	12/1988	Siddoway et al.			
	A123	4,827,761	05/1989	Vinegar et al.			
	A124	4,848,924	07/1989	Nuspl et al.			
	A125	4,856,341	08/1989	Vinegar et al.			
	A126	4,860,544	08/1989	Krieg et al.			
	A127	4,866,983	09/1989	Vinegar et al.			
	A128	4,884,455	12/1989	Vinegar et al.			
	A129	4,886,118	12/1989	Van Meurs et al.			
	A130	4,927,857	05/1990	McShea III et al.			
	A131	4,974,425	12/1990	Krieg et al.			
	A132	4,983,319	01/1991	Gregoli et al.			
	A133	4,984,594	01/1991	Vinegar et al.			
	A134	4,987,368	01/1991	Vinegar			
	A135	4,994,093	02/1991	Wetzel et al.			
	A136	5,014,788	05/1991	Puri et al.			
	A137	5,046,559	10/1991	Glandt			
	A138	5,050,386	09/1991	Krieg et al.			
	A139	5,060,287	10/1991	Van Egmond			
	A140	5,060,726	10/1991	Glandt et al.			
	A141	5,065,818	11/1991	Van Egmond			
	A142	5,168,927	12/1992	Stegemeier et al.			
	A143	5,189,283	02/1993	Carl, Jr. et al.			
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	A150	5,255,742	10/1993	Mikus			
	A151	5,297,626	03/1994	Vinegar et al.			
	A152	5,306,640	04/1994	Vinegar et al.			
	A153	5,318,116	06/1994	Vinegar et al.			
	A154	5,339,897	08/1994	Leaute			
	A155	5,340,467	08/1994	Gregoli et al.			
	A156	5,349,859	09/1994	Kleppe			
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	A160	5,388,643	02/1995	Yee et al.			
	A161	5,388,645	02/1995	Puri et al.			
	A162	5,391,291	02/1995	Winqvist et al.			
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	A164	5,404,952	04/1995	Vinegar et al.			
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	A182	5,862,858	01/1999	Wellington et al.			
	A183	5,899,269	05/1999	Wellington et al.			
	A184	5,968,349	10/1999	Duyvesteyn et al.			
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	A186	5,985,138	11/1999	Humphreys			
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